

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.

FIRST DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
AUSTIN, TEXAS, Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1871. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. President Campbell presiding. Roll called. No quorum present.

Absent—Senators Bell, Broughton, Douglas, Fountain, Hall, Parsons, Pickett, Saylor and Tendick.

On motion of Senator Gaines the Senate, at 12:5 o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow at 10 A. M.

SECOND DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
AUSTIN, TEXAS, Wednesday, Sept. 13, 1871. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. President Campbell presiding. Roll called. Quorum present.

Absent—Senators Bell, Douglas, Fountain, Parsons, Pickett, Tendick.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

President Campbell submitted the following communication :

GALVESTON, TEXAS, Sept. 6, 1871.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: It being impossible for me to attend the coming session of the Senate, I respectfully request that you ask the Senate to accept my resignation as General Clerk. Thanking them for the honor con-

ferred, and for the many courtesies extended to me while an officer of the Senate,

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

C. C. ALLEN.

Communication read and on motion of Senator Ruby the resignation of Mr. Allen was accepted.

Senator Ruby offered the following resolution. which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The present number of clerks for Committee on Engrossed Bills are altogether needless, and an unnecessary expense; therefore,

Resolved, That the Assistant Engrossing Clerks of the Senate be and they are hereby discharged.

On motion of Senator Bowers, Senator Pickett was granted an indefinite leave of absence.

Senator Flanagan offered the following resolution, which, upon motion of Senator Gaines, was adopted :

Resolved, That the President of the Senate be and he is hereby authorized to fill all vacancies by appointment, occasioned by resignation or otherwise, necessary to complete the organization of the Senate.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.

Senate bill No. 414, "An act supplemental to an act to give effect to the several provisions of the Constitution concerning taxes." Read third time, and on motion of Senator Bowers, passed.

Senate bill No. 360, "An act amendatory of and supplementary to an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Pacific and Great Eastern Railway Company of Texas.'" Read third time, and on motion of Senator Ruby, recommitted to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Senate bill No. 231, "An act to purchase for general distribution, twenty thousand copies of a pamphlet written by James M. Morphis, on Texas, its climate, soil, productions, trade, commerce, and inducements for immigration." Read third time, and on motion of Senator Hertzberg, laid on the table.

Substitute Senate bill No. 417, "An act amendatory of the second and seventh sections of 'an act to provide the mode and manner of conducting elections, making returns, and for the protection and purity of the ballot box,' approved August 15, 1870." Read third time.

Senator Bowers moved to recommit the bill to the Judiciary Com-

mittee, with instructions to report to-morrow morning, and that the bill and report of committee be made the special order for to-morrow at 11 A. M.

Motion carried, and the bill recommitted to the Judiciary Committee, and made the special order for to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

On motion of Senator Flanagan, the Senate at 11:45 A. M., adjourned to 10:30 A. M. to-morrow.

THIRD DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, Thursday, Sept. 14, 1871. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. President Campbell presiding. Roll called. Quorum present.

Absent—Senators Fountain and Parsons.

Absent, excused—Senator Pickett.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Senator Bowers presented the following majority report of the Judiciary Committee on substitute for Senate bill No. 417:

COMMITTEE ROOM,

Austin, September 13, 1871. }

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: A majority of your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 417, entitled "An act amendatory of the seventh section of 'an act to provide the mode and manner of conducting elections, making returns, and for the protection and purity of the ballot-box,' approved August 15, 1870," together with several substitutes therefor, instruct me to report the same back with the accompanying bill as a substitute for the whole subject matter, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully,

M. H. BOWERS,

For the Committee.

Report and bill (substitute for Senate bill No. 417,) read first time and laid over under the rules.